

This Nov. 9, 2000, update is from EPA's Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Office. Per your request, beginning with this issue, the updates are identified by Volume and Issue number. Direct links to each document are provided. Volume 1, Number 1 includes:

1. CEPPO Eyes EPCRA Revamp
2. Analysis of Accident Risk Available
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4. December Move Scheduled

RELATED ITEMS OF INTEREST:

1. Bulletin for News Media Available from CEF!
2. Nevada website offers RMP audit guidance.
3. Philadelphia group to host RMP meeting

CEPPO NEWS

1. EPA's Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Office is reviewing comments it received on proposed changes to the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act that were spelled out in a June 1998 proposed rule (63 FR 31267). Decisions are being made on what aspects of the proposal would be handled through future rulemaking and which sections could be dealt with in nonbinding guidance and question and answer documents. Guidance is expected to be issued in late Spring 2001, while rulemaking would occur in late Fall 2001. The 1998 proposed rule can be downloaded at:

www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/EPA-TRI/1998/June/Day-08/tri14490.htm

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2. An EPA discussion of chemical accident risks in U.S. industry is available on the CEPPO website. This preliminary analysis of 15,000 Risk Management Plans submitted to EPA discusses the frequency and quantity distributions of RMP chemicals, presents normalized accident rates, and supplements previous work done by the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. You can download "*Chemical accident risks in U.S. industry - A preliminary analysis of accident risk data from U.S. hazardous chemical facilities*" at: <http://www.epa.gov/ceppo/whatnew.html>

3. The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) have made their Chemical Accident

Risk Assessment Thesaurus (CARAT) available via the Internet. CARAT allows you to compare risk assessment requirements applicable to chemical facilities located in various countries. In the U.S., State agencies can use CARAT to compare state regulations to the EPA's RMP Program. You can access the thesaurus at:

<http://www.epa.gov/ceppo/ip-inpa.htm>

4. As of Dec. 4, 2000, EPA's Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Office will move to a new location in Washington, D.C. The new mailing address is: USEPA/CEPPO, Ariel Rios Building, Mail Code 5104A, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington DC 20460. The new phone number will be 202.564.8600. All e-mail addresses will remain the same for CEPPO staff.

RELATED ITEMS:

1. The Chemical Educational Foundation (CEF) has published its latest Product Stewardship Bulletin (#22), "The News Media's Vital Role in Chemical Emergency Planning and Response." The bulletin is an educational tool for new reporters, as well as a reminder for seasoned reporters covering chemical emergencies. The local news media can help minimize confusion, rumor, and misinformation in an emergency by accurately reporting the facts and appropriate safety response actions. Download the bulletin at:

<http://www.chemed.org/pubs.htm#psb>

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2. Nevada's Chemical Accident Prevention Program Audit Guidance/Checklist is available at the following website. Click on Program Guidance once you've reached the website: <http://www.state.nv.us/ndep/bwm/capp>

3. The Clean Air Council will host a Risk Management Plan Workshop for the public at the Sheraton Rittenhouse Square Hotel in Philadelphia on Saturday, November 18, 2000, from 10AM until 3PM. The workshop presents a unique opportunity for citizens and community leaders to learn how to better protect their communities. For more information, contact Roberto Ruiz at 215.567.4004 or visit the group's website at: <http://www.cleanair.org/>

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